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MEMORANDUM FOR THE

SECRETARY OF STATE

I think that your outline of suggestions, contained in a theoretical communique, for use in concerting the Western Position among the three governments provides a good basis for prompt decision.

It is my understanding that, on July 13th, there would be no intention of tabling a "complete" Western Position. Rather our purpose now would be to obtain a thorough understanding (assuming Von Brentano's general agreement) of all the things the West would be ready to suggest, piece by piece, in return for a moratorium of considerable length on Soviet threats against our position in Berlin, with agreement as to a "standing group" of negotiators (with German advisers on both sides) to attempt solution of some of the more obvious differences between us.

Your paper would yield nothing in principle but does suggest a number of items that might possibly be acceptable to the Soviets. If so, the "Commission" might make some significant progress.

I am attaching a draft of a message to Harold Macmillan; if you think it is all right, please send it off.



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